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**“The restoration of
California’s rural
road system will be
an essential element
of any effort to
revitalize the
Central Valley.”**

-Chuck Poochigian

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Senator Charles S. Poochigian



Capitol Update

Senate Acts to Address Rural County Road Needs

The Senate Transportation Committee unanimously approved Senate Bill 670 (Poochigian) which requires the Department of Transportation and the California Transportation Commission to study the deterioration of California's rural transportation system. This measure, co-authored by the majority of the members of the Central Valley delegation, will hopefully lay the foundation for any future state assistance.

The committee heard testimony from Tulare County outlining the unique challenges related to the management of over 3,077 miles of roads. In addition to the general problem of a deteriorating rural county road system, the loss of key roads has the potential to impact the Central Valley's fragile economy.

Senate Bill 670 was supported by numerous rural counties, Rural Council of Rural Counties (RCRC), and the Planning and Conservation League.

The committee acknowledged the unique challenges facing California's rural counties and unanimously endorsed the proposed study. The study will have to be completed by January 1, 2002, quantify the problem, and identify possible funding streams that could be tapped to restore the beleaguered rural county road system.

Senate Bill 670 will now move to the Senate Appropriations Committee for consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions.

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